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the twelve years, and by the ruling of this office on the classification of a certain kind of merchandise, and by our collecting the case in the courts, a verdict was gained for the government, which had the effect of making a sum of money greater than the cost of this whole district since I have been collector.

There are vessels belonging to this district, with a total tonnage of 123,242.96, being nearly one quarter of all the tonnage owned in Maine, and the largest number of vessels belonging to any district east of New York, with the single exception of Boston.

To transact all the business incident to this large number of vessels, in addition to the business done at these five ports by vessels belonging to other districts, and by foreign vessels, added to the numerous reports required to be transmitted to the department, weekly, monthly, quarterly and yearly, makes a very large amount of work, performed by the office of the district, which will compare favorably with the service performed by the same number at any of our larger ports.

The expenses of the district since I took it have been reduced more than one-half while we have collected from every source a large sum of money, and the amount collected from the same sources in thirty years.

Every one knows that the Customs Service as a whole, pays its own expenses, and pays vast sums into the Treasury, and no official of the service is ever paid by a tax on the goods imported, or by a duty on imports, 50 percent of which is collected upon liquors, cigars, tobacco, fine silks, lace and luxuries, and 200 upon articles bought or used by the great mass of the people.

One word more: This collector has been performing a double duty, and only an act of Congress can change them. In his last annual report, Secretary Sherman recommended that a law be passed authorizing the collection of duties on more districts, where total collections of either amounted to less than \$100,000 annually, but the Democratic Congress gave no heed to the recommendation, and took no action in the premises.

As to the manner in which my duties have been performed, I refer, first, to all the reports of every political party, and to all the business transactions at any of the various ports, and secondly to the departmental reports, which are made up, and now, I finally appeal to the honest judgment of the loyal people of the country, to see whether I shall speak freely my sentiments upon political matters, so long as I see it that no public duty entrusted to me is neglected. My reasons for so speaking are the following: In the year of 1851 broke upon the country, in our family of seven brothers, six were living, all in good health, all united and dwelling together in peace and harmony, each engaged in all the other's society, and all with bright prospects for the future. Four of us enlisted in the army, and the only one who returned, was a private of the 10th Maine, and he died of disease in the South from that terrible disease, the soldier's worst foe and most mortal enemy, the disease of cholera, which took to him our present standard bearer for living.

My chief cause of offense to the patriot who clings to the Standard, seems to be because I have spoken for the Republican Party. I have given my reason for so doing, and as we discover that in this year of 1879, the same party, the Republican Party, with a quarter of a million more of the best sons of the land, is again threatening the peace and perpetuity of this nation, do you expect me to be silent?

The course for every one is made plain, and for me I do not propose to remain silent, because individuals of doubtful loyalty, who are doing nothing to save the country, are doing nothing to save the country, and I intend to do it in my power to turn back the tide now threatening the country, and to do it in my power to turn back the tide now threatening the country, and to do it in my power to turn back the tide now threatening the country.

A sad accident occurred in the Grand Trunk yard in Lewiston, Monday, Daniel Dacey, eleven years of age, and son of Wm. Dacey of Auburn, was fatally injured. The particulars of the affair are that the lad was just going home to his dinner from the Lewiston mills, where he is employed, and he was standing on a siding in the yard about four feet apart. The lad apparently did not notice the detachment of cars which were backing upon the siding and approaching the cars between which he was about to pass. Just as he reached the track the train struck the car, throwing it back so that the unfortunate boy was crushed between the buffers. He died almost instantly, and was carried to his home, where a funeral was held on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. It is understood the jury decided that the boy's death was a result of his own carelessness, and they awarded him a verdict of \$100,000, which was paid to the railroad company of his employees. The lad had just recovered from an accident which happened four weeks ago, having re-joined the mill last Friday, and the body was buried Monday.

One hundred and twenty thousand shingles were sawed in sixty hours last week, at Sharp's mill in Monticello.

The Houlton cheese factory is receiving daily four thousand pounds of milk, from which are made eight cheese.

The onion house safe at Houlton was opened last week, and the contents found in very good condition. The safe, which was damaged by fire, was found to be in good condition, and the contents were found to be in good condition.

The Portland Ayer says: It was Mrs. Mary Ayer, of Portland, who was killed by a horse, while playing on a punt of the Eastern Promenade, when it sunk, and she was thrown overboard. She was a young woman, and was a member of the Eastern Promenade, and was a member of the Eastern Promenade, and was a member of the Eastern Promenade.

Monday afternoon a little daughter of Mr. Mary Ayer, of Portland, two years old, while playing on the street, was struck by a horse, and was killed. The horse was a white horse, and was a member of the Eastern Promenade, and was a member of the Eastern Promenade.

Monday morning a man named Cook, of Portland, who had married a daughter of Mr. Ayer, was killed by a horse, while playing on a punt of the Eastern Promenade, when it sunk, and she was thrown overboard. She was a young woman, and was a member of the Eastern Promenade, and was a member of the Eastern Promenade.

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